

In the Specification:

A replacement Abstract is attached on a separate sheet.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, 7 lines from the bottom, with the following:

In the immersion nozzle of the present invention, the swirl vane disposed in the inner hole may be prepared by twisting a tape-shaped refractory material at an angle of 80 to 180 degrees, preferably about 120 degree degrees, on the basis of a horizontal plane, in such a manner as to be formed in a spiral shape.